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Plenary Session

6th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network Integrity Matters: Building Stronger Democracies

 March 22, 2022 | 10:30 (UTC-04:00)

A. 08:30 (UTC-6:00)	B. 09:30 (UTC-5:00)	C. 10:30 (UTC-4:00)	D. 11:30 (UTC-3:00)	
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During the plenary session of the gathering, a high-level space will be provided to discuss good legislative practices and recommendations for implementing policies and mechanisms to advance public integrity. To further efforts in favour of legislative openness the new version of the Road Map towards Legislative Openness will be presented and parliamentary delegations will be invited to report on the progress achieved in the implementation of commitments made at the previous gathering of the Open Parliament Network and in the legislative openness action plans included in the [ParlAmericas Open Parliament Commitment Tool](#), as well as present new commitments planned for this year. Finally, a declaration will be adopted and [elections for the Executive Committee of the OPN](#) will be held for the following vacant positions: Vice-President for the Caribbean and host parliament of the next gathering.

A. 08:30 – 08:50 **Opening**

B. 09:30 – 09:50 - Senator **Hermelinda Alvarenga de Ortega** (Paraguay), Second Vice-President of the Chamber of Senators, the host parliament of the gathering

C. 10:30 – 10:50

D. 11:30 – 11:50

A. 08:50 – 09:20 **Keynote Address: Strengthening Public Integrity for Democratic Governance**

B. 09:50 – 10:20 - Moderator: The Honourable **Joseph Isaac** (Dominica), Speaker of the House of Assembly and ParlAmericas Board Member

C. 10:50 – 11:20 - Ms. **Delia Ferreira**, Chair, Transparency International

D. 11:50 – 12:20 *Public integrity is a fundamental pillar upon which to advocate for the interests of the common good and, thereby, protect, recognize, and guarantee the fulfillment of human rights, thus contributing to a better quality of life for all members of society. Strengthening integrity not only within public entities but throughout society is crucial in undertakings to prevent and fight corruption, especially in post-pandemic recovery processes. This session will focus on the findings and impacts of public integrity on democratic systems.*

A. 09:20 – 09:25 **Official Launch of the Road Map towards Legislative Openness 2.0**

B. 10:20 – 10:25 - Senator **Blanca Ovelar** (Paraguay), President of ParlAmericas

C. 11:20 – 11:25 *After its adoption in 2016 at the 1st Gathering of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network held in Paraguay, the Roadmap towards Legislative Openness has served as the main guidance and reference for the region's legislative powers in their efforts to implement and advance the agenda of open parliament along with its respective pillars: transparency, accountability, citizen participation, and ethics and probity. As a result of a review and update process that included not only input from legislators and parliamentary officials, but also international and civil society organizations, the new edition of the Roadmap towards Legislative Openness will be officially launched to commemorate the 5th year since its adoption.*

A. 09:25 – 09:30 **Presentation of the Memorandum on Parliamentary Engagement developed by the Open Government Partnership**

B. 10:25 – 10:30

C. 11:25 – 11:30 - Ms. **Lotte Geunis**, Open Parliament Consultant, Open Government Partnership

D. 12:25 – 12:30 *In recognition of the fundamental role of parliaments in the actions and processes that lead to more open governments and states, the Open Government Partnership (OGP) launched a memorandum in December 2021 that aims to provide a methodical and comprehensible framework to facilitate the engagement of parliaments in OGP processes. Given its relevance in advancing legislative openness, this [memorandum](#) will be presented during the gathering of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network.*

A. 09:30 – 10:10 **Presentation of results of open parliament commitments made at the 5th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network and of new commitments**

B. 10:30 – 11:10

C. 11:30 – 12:10

D. 12:30 – 13:10

- Moderator: The Honourable **Reginald Farley** (Barbados), President of the Senate
- Senator **Felix Ajpi** (Bolivia)
- The Honourable **René Cormier** (Canada), Senator and Second Vice-President for North America of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network

- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Valdo Mirosevic** (Chile), Vice-President of the Bicameral Transparency Group
- Mr. **Jorge Humberto Mantilla** (Colombia), Secretary General of the Chamber of Representatives
- Member of the Legislative Assembly **Ana Lucía Delgado** (Costa Rica), First Vice-President for Central America of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network (video)
- Member of the National Assembly **Corina Cano Córdoba** (Panama), Second Vice-President of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network for Central America
- Senator **Patrick Kemper** (Paraguay), Member the Special Committee of Open Parliament
- The Honourable **Claudius Francis** (Saint Lucia), Speaker of the House of Assembly and ParlAmericas Board Member

Parliamentary delegations are invited to report on the progress achieved in the commitments made at the previous gathering of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network, which were published in the [ParlAmericas Open Parliament Commitment Tool](#), and to present new commitments that can be implemented by next year, for 3 minutes per delegation. If your parliamentary delegation would like to participate in this session, you are kindly invited to complete the [form available at this link](#) and send it to the ParlAmericas International Secretariat by March 18, 2022.

A. 10:10 – 10:20

Elections

B. 11:10 – 11:20

C. 12:10 – 12:20

D. 13:10 – 13:20

A. 10:20 – 10:30

Reading of the declaration

B. 11:20 – 11:30

- Senator **Hermelinda Alvarenga** de Ortega (Paraguay), Second Vice-President of the Chamber of Senators, the host parliament of the gathering

C. 12:20 – 12:30

D. 13:20 – 13:30

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Closing of the 6th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network

- Senator **Javier Macaya** (Chile), President of the ParlAmericas Open Parliament Network



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